

PUBLIC NOTICE
Informational Open Houses and Public Meetings
For the Liberty Natural Gas Port Ambrose Deepwater Port License Application
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) and the Maritime Administration (MARAD) announce their intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assist in the evaluation of a deepwater port license application submitted by Liberty Natural Gas. Liberty proposes to own, construct, and operate the Port Ambrose Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Deepwater Port located in the Federal Waters in the New York Bight approximately 17 nautical miles southeast of Jones Beach, New York and 24 nautical miles east of Long Branch, New Jersey. The pipeline would tie into the existing Transco Lateral approximately 2.2 nautical miles south of Long Beach, New York and 13 nautical miles east of Sandy Hook, New Jersey. New York and New Jersey are both adjacent coastal states by definition in the Deepwater Port Act of 1974, as amended. The Application, notices, supporting materials, and comments may be viewed at the Federal Docket Management Facility website: <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number USCG-2013-0363.

The USCG and the MARAD are now in the scoping period and invite public comments relating to the scope of the EIS. We will hold an informational open houses and scoping meetings at the locations listed below. These are open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. Written and oral comments will be accepted at the public meeting as well as throughout the scoping process.

The Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS, initiating the comment process, was published in the *Federal Register* on June 24, 2013 (78 FR 37878). We normally allow 30 days for scoping following publication of the NOI. The NOI erroneously indicates that scoping will end July 14, 2013. We intend to publish a correction to the NOI **extending the scoping period until at least July 23, 2013**; 30 days from NOI publication date.

- The open house and public meeting in New York will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013. Open House: 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM; Public Meeting 6 pm to 8 pm. These events will be held at: the Allegria Hotel, 80 West Broadway, Long Beach, New York, 11561. Phone: 516-889-1300. Free street parking is available and the parking lot at the Long Island Railroad Station Long Beach near Park Place and Park Avenue is available 5 pm to 5 am. In addition, there is free valet parking at the hotel for those that want/and or need this service.
- The open house and public meeting in New Jersey will be held on Wednesday, July 10, 2013. Open House: 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM; Public Meeting 6 pm to 8 pm. These events will be held at: the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, New Jersey. Phone: 732-417-1400. Free parking is available at the Center.

We encourage you to submit comments and related materials regarding this project. If you do so, please include your name and address, and this notice reference number (USCG-2013-0363). You may submit your comments and materials by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility. To make sure your comments and related materials are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means by **July 23, 2013** or such later date if noticed in the Federal register. :

- By Mail: Docket Management Facility (USCG-2013-0363), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001
- By Personal Delivery: to the room and address listed above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- By FAX: To the Docket Management Facility at (202) 493-2251.
- Electronically: Through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) website: <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number USCG-2013-0363.

If you have questions about the proposed Port Ambrose deepwater port license application, you may contact Mr. Roddy Bachman, U.S. Coast Guard at 202-372-1451 or Roddy.C.Bachman@uscg.mil or Ms. Tracy Ford, Maritime Administration, at (202) 366-0321 or Tracey.Ford@dot.gov.